THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Housing is a State subject. Therefore, no action plan is formulated by the Government at the natinal level. However, the Government launched a new Centrally sponsores Scheme called the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) in December, 2001 to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line including the members of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in urban slums with Central subsidy of 50% of the cost of the project. It is a demand driven scheme and it is for the State/UT Governments to formulate State/city-specific project proposals. It is, therefore, left to the State/UT Government to formulate an action plan to implement the scheme. During 2001-2002, an allocation of Rs. 73.56 crores was made and the entire grant was released to the States/UTs. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 44.2012 crore has so far been released to the States out of an allocation of Rs. 356.85 crores.

The details of subsidy released for mega-cities so far are as follows:

Name of the City	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Delhi	50.00
Chennai	150.00
Kolkata	318.60
Mumbai	119.40
Hyderabad	1200.00
Bangalore	538.57

Erratic water supply in LIG DDA Flats at Mangla Puri

589. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the residents of LIG DDA Flats Pocket-13 of Dwarka (Mangla Puri) are facing great difficulties due to erratic and insufficient supply of potable/drinking water;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the supply of drinking water in the said area;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said problem would be solved;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to increase the height of wall surrounding that Pocket so that nuisance could be avoided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that in this pocket water obtained from Delhi Jal Board is being supplied and there is no shortage.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The boundary wall has been constructed as per approved plan and the allottees have been charged accordingly.

Solid Waste Management in Metros

590. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing problems faced by Metros and big cities in management of solid waste, which has become hazardous;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for proper disposal and management of solid waste by cities;

(c) whether Technical Advisory Group on Solid Waste Management has submitted its final report to Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is the responsibility of the State Governments and concerned Urban Local Bodies to take necessary steps for proper disposal and management of solid waste by cities. However, Union Government has taken several steps, some of which are mentioned below:

(i) Letters to all Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of Union Territories were sent in November, 1997 alongwith necessary